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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

USTelecom, the trade association which represents some of the nations largest incumbent carriers (such as AT&T, Verizon, and others) has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. This petition claims that residential consumers, like myself, will not be affected, because there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

On the contrary, my current carrier Sonic, providing internet access, is one of many such carriers that I depend on for affordable internet access. Sonic, other carriers, and a full economic study all disagree with USTelecom on this key point.

Sonic residential subscribers do exist, and members like me would be "materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; without access to UNE services, Sonic wouldnt have been able to connect their consumers while they build their fiber networks, nor fund the construction of their fiber networks. Once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of their fiber networks.

So, as a residential Sonic customer, I will be materially affected if this petition is granted.

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